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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station, 2nd Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Cambridge Electric Light Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric, D.T.E. 05-17

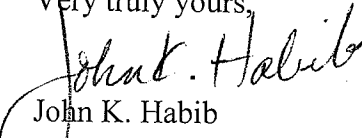
Dear Secretary Cottrell:

I am writing on behalf of Cambridge Electric Light Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric (the "Company") to respectfully request an extension of 5 business days, i.e., until April 29, 2005, to respond to the following information requests asked by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department") in the above-referenced docket: DTE-1-5 through DTE-1-16. The requests seek detailed information regarding the Company's historic SAIDI and SAIFI calculations, as well as capital investment information for each community served by the Company.

Moreover, the Department has asked the same questions of the Company's electric operating affiliates, Boston Edison Company and Commonwealth Electric Company, in the D.T.E. 05-15 and D.T.E. 05-19 proceedings, respectively. Accordingly, the Company is endeavoring to respond in full to each set of questions and requests additional time to do so.

Thank you for your consideration of the Company's request.

Very truly yours,


John K. Habib

cc: Jody Stiefel, Hearing Officer
Joseph Rogers, Assistant Attorney General
Susan McSherry
David Myers
John O'Brien